



Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2015

Present and Voting: Board Chair: Jeff Skrenes
Board Members: Roger Smithrud, Scottie Tuska
Jordan Residents: Polly Peterson, Laura Zabinski, Dan Zabinski, Kris Erdman, Nancy Erdman, Joel Baird
Staff: Cathy Spann, Joann Osgood
Others Present: Larry Matsumoto, City of Minneapolis
Anna Potter, Metro Transit
Shelley Miller, Metro Transit
Troy Kester, Alliance Housing
Jean Bain, NHF

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Skrenes, Board Chair.

Jeff provided a brief introduction regarding the purpose of the Housing Committee to new attendees.

A certificate of appreciation was provided to Polly Peterson for her time served on the Board of Directors in her various capacities and many years of commitment.

The proposed agenda was reviewed and amended. Election of officials was added under Other Business.

The agenda was adopted.

The December 2, 2014 minutes were reviewed.

The minutes were adopted.

1. Presentations:

Metro Transit staff Shelly Miller and Anna Porter presented an update on the C Line Bus Rapid Transit stations, amenities, faster trips and Next Trip signs. The 19 bus route will still stop at each corner. See attachment.

Metro Transit requested a recommendation from JACC regarding placing a stop at 27th or 29th and Penn Ave No. This request was a result of previous meetings where adding a stop at one of these locations was determined necessary by community residents.

Scottie reminded the committee that the Jordan Apartments didn't get funding in part due to lack of transit. Jeff also noted this. Jeff inquired how difficult it would be to add a stop to this location later and it was determined it would be best to not wait. An idea to place the stop in the middle of the 27th and 29th block was brought up for discussion.

Jeff suggested the stop be placed at 29th.

~Shelly requested a copy of the Jordan Apartments on 27th/29th Penn plans.

Alliance Housing: Troy Kester reported Alliance Housing no longer has rights to the 5 city owned lots on 27th/29th and Penn that were previously planned to be used for a housing development named Jordan Apartments. It was stated that there is a need for more of a grass roots push towards moving the city in backing continued development of affordable housing. The committee had a slightly heated discussion regarding supporting Alliance Housing versus supporting affordable housing.

~A motion was made to invite the Commissioner and City Council Members of Jordan to a Housing Committee Meeting to discuss affordable housing and the reason that the Jordan Apartments development was not approved. The motion was second, approved and all agreed.

City of Minneapolis employee Larry Matsumoto presented a map of the street resurfacing project. Community informational meetings will be held February 10th and 17th. See handout.

Jean Bain stated that in 2014 the cheapest home in Jordan sold was \$50,000 which is an improvement from previous years. Two homes in Jordan on 25th and James and 26th and Fremont are listed at \$185,000. Jean hopes to collaborate with JACC in holding events to introduce new homeowners to their neighbors. She also stated there is a positive video promoting the Northside similar to the Green Homes North video.

Cathy and Jean discussed Havenbrook Homes acquiring 150 homes in north Minneapolis last year, 12 are in Jordan. JACC staff will invite the staff to the next housing meeting.

There was a brief discussion on Jordan properties. Cathy Spann will discuss this report in more detail at another housing meetings due to time constraints.

A motion was made to elect a housing chair. The motion was second and adopted. Polly Peterson nominated Jeff Skrenes as housing chair. Jeff accepted the nomination. A motion was made, second and adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.